

NEW GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Marian Clinic will provide dental screenings and oral health education for approximately 200 uninsured pregnant women at the Shawnee County Health Agency through its program, "Me and My Baby: Prenatal Dental Care." The outreach is partially funded through a \$20,000 grant awarded by the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund. Recommended follow-up care will be provided at Marian Clinic Dental at no cost to the women. Research indicates that hormonal changes during pregnancy can make women more susceptible to oral and dental problems. Some studies show that untreated gingivitis can affect the babies' birth weight and overall health. The outreach aims to reduce such risks and contribute to the women's awareness of oral health practices for herself and her children.